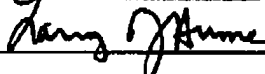


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Dear Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement mailed March 10, 2004, applicant hereby elects the species covered by claims 26-32, 35-45, and 50-57, without traverse.

These claims read on the species identified by the examiner wherein the contacts comprise solder. Also, at least claim 26 is generic. The non-elected claims will be rejoined upon the allowance of a generic claim.

Amendments to the Claims appears in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this Response and Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this Response and Amendment.

No fee is believed to be due with this response.

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